

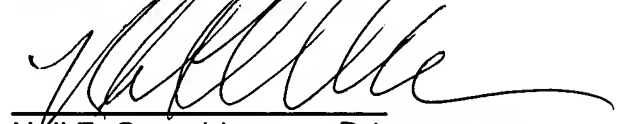
REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the foregoing amendment to claims 4 – 6, 8 – 10, 12 – 14, 18, and 19 prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

Applicants note that the instant amendment has been prepared to eliminate multiply dependent claims in order to reduce government filing fees, and to clarify claim 10. Applicants submit that the scope of the claims has not been narrowed by the instant amendment, and that the amendment has been made to clarify the dependency of the claims and terminology in claim 10, and not for any reasons related to a basis of patentability. Therefore, Applicants submit no estoppel should be deemed to attach.

Should there be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

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